

I am forever indebted to her, her family, and we will miss her.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CLARA BARTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross. December 25 will be Clara's 200th birthday.

Clara is one of the most honored women in American history. From a young age she was dedicated to service and helping others.

Clara started her career in Washington, D.C., as one of the first women to work in the Federal Government. She was in D.C. at the start of the Civil War, and while residents in the capital were alarmed and confused, Clara recognized the immediate need to help these newly recruited troops.

Clara spent the early days of the war collecting food and supplies for the Union Army, but she knew that, despite her efforts in Washington, there was more work left to be done.

She lobbied leaders in the government and the Union Army to give her passes to bring her voluntary services to the battlefield. From that moment on, Clara and her volunteers risked their lives heading to the scenes of battle and field hospitals to volunteer their time and deliver needed medical services.

Following her volunteer service in the Civil War, Clara visited Europe and was introduced to the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland. There she learned of the Geneva Treaty, an international agreement to protect the sick and wounded during wartime without respect to nationality, and for the formation of national societies to give aid voluntarily on a neutral basis.

Clara was a woman of action. When she saw a need, she found practical ways to address it. After learning of this global Red Cross Network, Clara returned to the United States and would fight for the ratification of this treaty by the United States.

In 1881, Clara founded the American Red Cross and, in 1882, the United States would sign the Geneva Convention treaty. The American Red Cross received their first congressional charter in 1900. For 20 years, Clara would lead the Red Cross on countless service missions to towns and cities around the United States in need of emergency assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I am honoring Clara Barton because of the historic connection to Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District. In 1889, Clara Barton and 50 Red Cross volunteers arrived in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to help the survivors of the Johnstown flood caused by a dam break which led to over 2,000 deaths.

Today, the house that served as the headquarters of the Red Cross and Clara's mission in Johnstown still stands on Main Street. This home is a piece of history in Johnstown, and residents are in the process of restoring it.

Clara Barton continued her service to helping others up until her passing in 1912. Today, over 140 years later, the Red Cross continues its service through its strong network of volunteers, donors, and partners. They continue to serve those in need by mobilizing the power of volunteers in times of emergencies.

Mr. Speaker, Clara Barton's passion for service is an example for us all. Her selflessness and determination to help others continues to inspire us today.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we remember. On this 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, that day lives in infamy, having left its indelible mark on countless individuals, families, and our American history.

On that fateful Sunday morning, our country was alerted to the precariousness of our days and the certainty of our future.

God, we remember. Call us back to the unity borne from that sudden insult on our liberty. Remind us how our country rallied as one to uphold our freedoms.

God, we remember. Bring to our memory the sense of shared meaning and shared sacrifices that our forebears held onto fiercely as they rallied in response to fight our enemies and cling to the essential values of family and faith.

God, we do remember. May we always tell of the innumerable acts of heroism in the face of the horrific acts that reached our country's shores and threatened our Nation's sense of security and welfare.

Holy God, even as we remember the horror of that day, we yearn for those days when a country as diverse and divided as we are could rally against the ageless enemies of divisiveness, unbridled power, and injustice.

Then as now, You prove to be the constant defender of our freedom and

the source of our hope. In response to Your mercy, may we remember and once again seek to preserve and uphold our shared moral understandings and to demonstrate our mutual respect, that we would ever protect all that is good and holy, acceptable, and perfect. In Your saving name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COURTNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DICK SCHIMMEL

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local hero from my district in the Greater Lehigh Valley who served at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked 80 years ago today.

Dick Schimmel was 19 when, on the morning of December 7, 1941, he was roused from sleep by fellow servicemen with the sound of explosions striking the American Naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Mr. Schimmel is a lifelong resident of Allentown, and a consummate American hero who joined the Army in August of 1940, serving as a radar specialist as part of the 580th Signal Aircraft Warning Company, before returning to Pennsylvania, where he sold appliances for Sears for 34 years.

Today is a solemn day as we reflect on the legacy of a day that President Roosevelt wisely said would "live in infamy." We lost 2,335 servicemembers that day and an additional 68 civilians, not to mention countless more with injuries, both visible and invisible.

As the daughter of an Air Force veteran, I want to thank Mr. Schimmel for his heroism in Pearl Harbor 80 years ago.

FIRST AMENDMENT APPLIES TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES TOO

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the attempt to stifle free speech at colleges and universities continues to be a major problem. Too many universities are more committed to liberal indoctrination than to providing an education.

One of the primary reasons students attend college is to foster intellectual curiosity, yet this is no longer allowed at many universities. Too many students and faculty alike are being intimidated into silence, or even worse, punished for speaking out about their religious or political beliefs.

Universities should encourage a diverse set of viewpoints and open dialogue; not stifle the expression of ideas they may oppose. Students should not feel like they must be on the frontlines of a culture war just to obtain a degree.

All Americans should have their First Amendment freedoms protected, regardless of their point of view. Students on college campuses should be no different.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR BRETT TINDER

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the 2021 Army Congressional Fellow, Major Brett Tinder, for his service to the citizens of the Second District of South Carolina. His year-long stay with the office is concluding and Brett will be sorely missed. Not only has he been an indispensable contributor to legislative goals, including the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, but a valued member of the team.

After graduating with a political science degree from Rutgers University, his already impressive military career has included numerous commendation and leadership positions in Fort Benning and Fort Carson. Brett has also been deployed to Poland, Germany, Romania, and to Afghanistan, where he was successful in his part with Operation Resolute Support—Freedom's Sentinel.

His next assignment is with the Pentagon, where Major Tinder will be a valued participant for peace through strength.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

We will remember Pearl Harbor.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHARLIE DOWD

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, on this National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the 80th anniversary of the

attack on Pearl Harbor, I rise to honor Charlie Dowd, Montana's last living Pearl Harbor survivor.

Charlie was just a 17-year-old radio-man stationed at Pearl Harbor when he was awakened by the sound of the Japanese surprise attack, a day which lives in infamy. Charlie immediately raced to the window of the ship where he saw a nearby hangar go up in a plume of flames. Wearing just a T-shirt, he grabbed a rifle and climbed on to the roof where he and other volunteers started firing at the attacking planes, some of the first shots fired by Americans in World War II.

Charlie's heroism, and that of others on that day, undoubtedly saved lives, and their bravery and resolve should be commended. He served for nearly 5 years in the United States Navy.

Charlie lives in Anaconda, Montana, and will be celebrating his 98th birthday on December 23. On behalf of all Montanans and a grateful Nation, I want to thank Charlie Dowd for his service and wish him an early happy birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RAYMOND HEISE

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, on this the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, it is only right to honor a marine who served in the South Pacific. I rise today to honor the life and legacy of fellow Michigander and U.S. Marine Raymond Heise.

On Thursday, November 18, Ray passed away after nearly a century of service to his community and to our Nation. I met Ray back in June 2016 when we exchanged personal stories of our time in the Corps.

At only 19 years of age, he enlisted and joined the Marine Corps during World War II. He truly made a difference, both in the South Pacific and in Michigan. The commitment and courage that he and so many others displayed during that time is unmatched. As Admiral Nimitz famously said of those Marines involved in our victory on Iwo Jima: "Uncommon valor was a common virtue."

Ray will be remembered for his caring and calming personality toward anyone who had the opportunity to meet him. I encourage my colleagues to join me in remembering the life and selfless service of Raymond Heise, United States marine.

May God rest his soul and comfort his family.

RECOGNIZING THE IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of

women in my district for their hard work that led to a historic game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

On Sunday, the Iowa Women's Basketball team earned an impressive 88-61 win in their Big Ten Conference opener against Michigan State.

With almost 7,000 people in attendance at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Lisa Bluder and her Hawkeyes showcased their court dominance with Caitlin Clark adding 24 points, 12 assists, and 10 rebounds, making her second triple-double in the six games since our season opener against New Hampshire.

And the icing on top? All those watching got to see Coach Lisa Bluder earn her 800th career win, a monumental achievement, to be sure.

Congratulations, Lady Hawkeyes, and give yourselves a pat on the back for all the hard work you put in during the off season. I look forward to seeing what else this team has in store in the coming months.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COURTNEY). Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, December 3, 2021:

H.R. 6119, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 5 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5314, PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1605, NATIONAL PULSE MEMORIAL; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 610, DR. LORNA BREEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 838 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 838

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 5314) to protect our democracy by preventing abuses of presidential